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the case is one which particularly requires experimental investigation, without which, indeed, no satisfactory conclusion can be drawn as to the merits or defects of the proposed apparatus. The Board, therefore, judge that the award of the Magellanic Premium to the inventor, at this time, would be premature; and they accordingly recommend that all action with regard to it be postponed until the merits of the instrument have been tested by actual trial, and that the Treatise be placed in the archives, for the disposal of the author.

Stated Meeting, December 4.

Present, twenty members.

Dr. BACHE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter was received and read:—

From Mr. John Plumbe, dated Philadelphia, December 4, 1846, asking permission to copy the portrait of Mr. Jefferson, belonging to the Society, for the purpose of forming one of a series of national portraits now in course of publication by him.

On motion of Dr. Dunglison, Mr. Plumbe was permitted to take a copy, under the inspection of the Librarian.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Journal Asiatique, ou Recueil de Mémoires, d'Extraits et de Notices relatifs à l'Histoire, à la Philosophie, aux Langues et à la Littérature des Peuples Orientaux. Quatrième Série. Tome VII. No. 35. Juin, 1846. Tome VIII. No. 36. Juillet, 1846. 8vo.—

From the Asiatic Society of Paris.

Mémoires de la Société Royale des Sciences, de l'Agriculture et des Arts, de Lille. Année, 1843. Lille, 1844. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. III. Nos. 4 and 5. July to October, 1846. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. IV. December, 1846. No. 48.
8vo.—*From Messrs. Lea & Blanchard.*

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE.

Annales de Chimie et de Physique. Troisième Série. Tome XVIII.
Septembre, Octobre, 1846. 8vo.

Comptes Rendus Hebdomadaires des Séances de l'Académie des Sciences. Tome XXIII. Nos. 4 to 12. 27th July to the 21st September, 1846. 4to.

An obituary notice of Redmond Conyngham, by Bishop Potter, was read by the Secretary.

Professor Norton read a communication, entitled "A New Theory of Imponderables," which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Prof. Henry, Dr. Patterson, and Mr. M'Culloch.

The Treasurer presented his annual accounts, which were referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Publication presented their report, which was read by the Chairman.

Pending nominations, Nos. 192, 193, 194, were read.

Stated Meeting, December 18.

Present, twenty-two members.

Dr. CHAPMAN, President, in the Chair.

Letters were received and read:—

From the Royal Institute of Sciences and Belles-Lettres at Amsterdam, dated September 22d, 1846, acknowledging the reception of the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, Vol. I, Part 2, and Proceedings Nos. 33 and 34.

From Mr. John F. Watson, dated Dec. 14, 1846, asking permission to make use of certain MSS. belonging to the Society. On motion, this request was referred to the Librarian, to report thereon.